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COUNTY EDUCATION OFFICE,  
SHIRE HALL,  
GLOUCESTER.

15th January, 1923.

I grieve to tell you that Miss Mason  
passed away in sleep at noon to-day.

She was taken ill before Christmas but  
had seemed to be on the way to recovery when on  
Saturday there was a heart attack which brought the  
end.

Our loss is great.

H. W. HOUSEHOLD.

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COUNTY EDUCATION OFFICE,

SHIRE HALL, GLOUCESTER.

1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1926

Dear Mr Cripps

I have just read straight through the wonderful S. African Diaries, and later in the day I hope to read them straight through again, making notes of what to read & what to summarise for the Council meeting on Tuesday. & of something to say - if nobody else says it - at the meeting at University College on Monday afternoon.

In opportunity S. Africa has offered a better field than

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America. I thought it would. I  
was out there 14 or 15 years ago  
+ I knew enough to realise what  
a godsend the programmes would  
be to English parents in Dutch  
speaking districts with only  
Africans ~~sp~~ used in the  
schools, and to the scattered  
farms.

The record is a wonderful  
piece of testimony to Mrs Franklin's  
power of inspiring people + judgment  
in handling them + to her

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amazing appetite for work and  
endurance of fatigue. I saw  
them all in America + these  
diaries revive the old wonder  
and admiration.

America was too sophisticated,  
too well organised, too well satisfied,  
to be a wholly satisfactory seed bed  
for D.N.E.C. : but S. Africa  
is very backward indeed - an untilled  
soil.

I am full of joy.

With all good wishes for 1926

Yours sincerely

H. W. Houseman

You shall have the Diaries back  
on Tuesday.

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COUNTY EDUCATION OFFICE,

SHIRE HALL, GLOUCESTER.

11<sup>th</sup> January 1926

Dear Mrs Franklin

I believe you land today.  
If you do I am a day late  
with my welcome home & my  
warmest congratulations on your  
wonderful success.

My Cripps will show  
you what I said when I  
read those amazing diaries. I  
had intended to read large  
extracts from them to the  
Council last Tuesday, but  
the discussion of the plans

for the new buildings was very long - not too long - and by 4.30 or a few minutes earlier when it terminated people began to drift away & it was too late to begin afresh.

But I understand they will appear in the P. R., and I hope at our July meeting you will be able to tell us yourself something of the tale & that by that time it may

have a sequel.

It was delightful of you to send that Radio message. Unfortunately it missed the meeting & ultimately arrived here on the 8th by post, and my fellow members missed the thrill.

You will hear of the battle (friendly but vigorous) over Mr Fyfe's plans: how he wants to invade the level lawn at the side & how such a desecration is intolerable to

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Mr Parson & Mr Kilburn  
Dr Webb. A Committee is to  
meet on the spot & consider all  
points of view. I have an  
entirely open mind, but I can  
see that the sanctities of  
today may have to give way to  
the sanctities (still to be created)  
of tomorrow - between Scale Hall  
the private house secluded, little  
known, inconvenient, uncomfortable,  
& a public college designed for  
the needs of 1950 - between  
spending nothing at all &  
spending £12000 - £15000.

Kindest regards

Yours very sincerely  
J. W. Houseman

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COUNTY EDUCATION OFFICE,

SHIRE HALL, GLOUCESTER.

P.S.

I have come to an end  
without ever thanking you for  
the most interesting & delightful  
letter that came about Christmas  
time - the diaries had overlaid  
it in my mind. Thank you so  
much for it & for the kind  
wishes that it brought.

I was very glad indeed to  
hear of Cyril's happiness & of  
your joy in it & I can well  
imagine how you will treasure

up the delightful outpouring  
of his love & gratitude.

May his happiness be  
abundant & enduring.

I hope you come back  
rested by the voyage in the  
best of health & spirits

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June 11, 1926

Dear Mr. Household,

At the Committee meeting yesterday we once again had to report your continued and valuable work for us. Your last article in the Teachers' World has already brought in forty-nine enquiries! We know full well that your work, like those of your colleagues, is done for the sake of the children as a service to the world, and to fit future citizens to play their part well.

The Committee feel that you are one of their most precious assets, and some of us were a little unhappy at seeing how much you were wearing yourself out, and how tired you looked. I suppose everyone looks a little fagged at the end of a long year. Holiday time is coming near, and I am instructed to ask you to allow us to help towards a really good and amusing holiday by begging you to accept the enclosed cheque. We hope you will look upon it, small as it is, as an outward sign of our appreciation

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and gratitude for all you are doing for the cause which  
we all have so much at heart.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Hotel Curtis ibcmcr268

Chellen Lam

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1926

Dear Mr Franklin

What am I to say to your amazing letter? That is not the right word, but how shall I find it? I know well that you & the Committee had kind thoughts for me. Have I not had abundant evidence? And already I owe so much to that most fortunate association - the few but very precious years of intercourse with Sir Isaac, the new outlook the experience, the delightful & informing visit to America & the weeks of close association with you, and the wonderful opportunity for my school & their children bringing to them & their teachers a new joy & a new power. It is I who owe everything, and you write as though the debt were the other way.

Your letter & the splendid gift & the extraordinary kindness & care & regard behind them, prompting them, will be a delightful memory for me through the rest of my days. This is a year of wonderful kindness for good fortune <sup>in many ways</sup> for me, and if Heaven will continue to smile the August holiday shall be one of my best, & I shall come back full of vigour & spirit to complete the next course in the joyous encounter with the public schools for prize.

My most grateful & still bewildered thanks to the Committee for their amazing generosity - and above all to you who thought of it & prompted it my warmest gratitude & deep regard.

always yours sincerely

Mrs. Householder